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"All the News That Fits to Print"

November, 1982

Two Other Big Votes

Although the nuclear referendum has gotten a lot of press coverage prior to the Nov. 2 elections, two other referenda--abolishing rate setting powers of the Me. Milk Commission and tax indexing--haven't.

The Maine Milk Commission (MMC) statement reads: Shall an "act to repeal the control of milk prices at the wholesale and retail levels" become law? If approved, the referendum would abolish the MMC's power to set minimum wholesale and retail prices for milk and concentrate its information gathering on dairy farmers. The commission's power to set minimum prices that processing dairies pay to farmers would not be affected.

Although the emphasis of this question has been its effect on farmers, the question really affects processors and retailers more directly, since they will not have a minimum price for which to sell their milk. Supporters of the referendum expect lower milk prices as a result. They also think that government control of the dairy industry is not in the best interests of either the industry or the consumer and that farmers will not be hurt by this change.

Opponents of the question argue that prices will not decrease significantly, if at all. They believe that price wars by large grocery chains and processors could force smaller dairies out of business and/or cause milk retailers and wholesalers to buy more out-of-state milk. (At present, almost half of Maine milk is sold out-of-state at 7¢/gallon less than that sold within the state.)

The other question reads: Shall "an act to adjust annually individual income tax laws to eliminate inflation-induced

GET IN THE YELLOW PAGES

A "yellow pages" for the state of Maine listing progressive groups and resources (by issue and location)? Sure, but only if those of you involved in progressive/social change groups around the state (most of you are) fill out and return the enclosed form for a "yellow pages" listing.

But the next step is yours. Only if the response from you is good will we be able to print a yellow pages and send the results out to all of you. (As with this newsletter, we'll suggest a donation but not require any payment.) So, here's your chance to help write a book.

If you are involved in more than one group, please feel free to photocopy the yellow pages form and fill it out for additional groups. The more information we receive, the more we can include to people around the state who might want to utilize or become involved with your group or effort.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!!!

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increases in individual state income taxes" become law? Simply put, this means tax rates on state (continued on P. 2)

(Cont. from Page 1) income taxes will be adjusted yearly to the rate of inflation, though never more than a 7% increase and limited to 50% of the inflation percentage. The catch with this question is that indexing is retroactive to 1981, requiring a \$12 million rebate to taxpayers for 1981 and a \$20 million decrease in taxes for the 1982 year.

Indexing supporters say that inflation causes automatic rises in taxes without legislative approval. With higher taxes and a higher cost of living, the working person has less purchasing power. They claim that the legislature would not have to offer the \$32 million in rebates if it could not come up with the money, but simply begin indexing with the 1983 year.

Opponents counter that the \$32 million will have to be taken from the current budget, creating a "Proposition 13 (or 2½)" crunch on state services and programs benefitting Maine people. State government needs the higher tax revenues provided by inflation to meet its own inflated expenses. Otherwise, the state may have to cut or eliminate programs, shift them to local governments, or raise taxes.

For those who decide to vote, these are two other difficult but important questions to decide "yes" or "no" on Nov. 2.

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NEXT MONTH, we'll again bring you a winter/Christmas, Chanukkah present of our own from INVERT and mention gifts from other groups as well. If your group is selling something worthwhile to raise money for a progressive cause (Calendars, cards, crafts, etc.), why not tell us about it?

"Take a risk today."

VIETNAM REVISITED

Another Veteran's Day weekend event is a series of readings and workshops centering on the Vietnam War experience and the writing coming from that experience, to be held on Fri., Nov. 12 (reading 7:30 PM), Sat., Nov. 13 (1:30 publishing workshop, 7:30 open discussion), and Sun., Nov. 14 (open reading 3 PM) at Gulf of Maine Books, 61 Maine St., Brunswick.

Friday's featured readers will include Preston Hood from Patten, Doug Rawlings from Mt. Vernon, and Temple's Mitch Goodman, author and anti-war activist. Saturday's publishing workshop will be led by Merrit Clifton from Samisdat Press of Vermont and Doug Rawlings. The Sat. eve discussion and Sunday reading are open to anyone but will maintain the Vietnam War experience theme.

For details, contact Gulf of Maine or Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance, Box 143, S. Harpswell 04079, 833-6921.

CONVOCATION '82

Henry Abrahams, M.D., a Harvard psychiatrist, an original member of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), will be the featured speaker on the opening night of "Convocation '82: Solutions to End the Arms Race," presented Nov. 11-13 in central Aroostook County. Events begin in Presque Isle on Thurs. night, 7:30 PM, at U. of Me., Presque Isle's Wieden Auditorium with a showing of the film "No First Use: Preventing Nuclear War" and a presentation by Dr. Abrahams.

On Friday evening at Caribou H.S. cafeteria, Reps. Mavourneed Thompson and Neil Rolde, former judge James Reid, and (tentatively) representatives from the State and Defense Depts. will discuss the question, "Nuclear War, Impossible?"

Saturday's events (again at Wieden) will begin at 8:30 with a keynote address by Rep. Thompson followed by panel presentations and small group workshops on topics like nuclear energy/weapons connections, legislative action, coping with stress, nonviolent conflict resolution, and medical effects of nuclear war. Neil Rolde will provide a summary, followed by a potluck dinner and a contradance. Some of the speakers in P.I. and Caribou will also speak at U. of Me., Fort Kent during this same three-day period.

Convocation '82 is co-sponsored by a coalition of the local PSR chapter, United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War, Northern Aroostook Clergy Fellowship, Caribou Adult Education, Parish Social Ministries, Maine CALC, and concerned community members. All events are free, though a small donation may be requested for Saturday's events for those who can spare it. For details or to arrange child care, contact Mark Rains, RFD 4, Caribou 04736, 496-1271, Ken Taylor, 476-8041, or Bruce Alexander, 764-1028.

SEEDS OF CHANGE

Even while you are scurrying to put your 1982 garden to bed before winter's blasts arrive, Fedco Seeds is busily lining up sources for seed for your 1983 garden. Fedco Seeds is a giant garden seed pre-order cooperative serving coops and individuals, organic farming chapters, neighborhood groups, and farmers in Maine and New England.

They buy seeds in bulk, repack them in packet sizes, and sell them for as little as one-half retail prices. In 1982 they distributed 150,000 packets of seeds.

Fedco Seeds' order sheet/information packet will be sent out in late November/early December for January ordering. If you would like one, write Fedco Seeds, c/o CR Lawn, 52 Mayflower Hill Dr., Waterville 04901 or call 872-9093.

Say Cheese (Coop)

If you are wondering what to do with an over-supply of goat's milk, take note: a cheese marketing cooperative is in its formative stages. A small group of makers of (primarily goat) cheese believe that a marketing coop could enable them to approach larger markets with a consistent, abundant supply of homemade cheeses.

Phase One of organizing includes: developing standards of quality (like maximum bacteria counts and minimum fat levels), deciding on a name, locating enough cheese makers, and deciding on a coop structure.

If you are a cheesemaker (or just a cheese lover) who would like to get in on the act or simply keep abreast, contact Sherri Hamilton, Peacefield Farm, RFD 1 Box 268, Dover-Foxcroft 04426, 564-3031. Interested cheese makers will also meet on October 30 at the home of Pat and Bud Lewis on the Madawaska Road in Palmyra.

FOOD FOR ANIMALS, NOT FOR PROFIT

So your farm animals are grumbling because that fresh green grass is drying up? And they're mad because the hay crop was bad? Well, there may still be time to cheer them up if you get in on Fedco's cooperative feed grain order. Orders are due Oct. 27 to local coops, but coops or other groups have until Nov. 2 to get the order to state coordinator Jim Bunn.

The order sheet includes Aroostook County oats (\$6.90/100#), corn, dry pellets, molasses, and a mixture of the above, plus soybean meal and more. For order sheets, delivery details, or questions, contact Jim Bunn, RFD 1 Box 2200, Dexter 04930, 924-3925.

GIVE THANKS BY FASTING

Now that the harvest is in and shelves and freezers are stocked with food, it's time to think about hungry people again.

Hancock County Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC) is hoping to collect money on Nov. 18, Oxfam's Fast for a World Harvest. People who fast on that day (one week before Thanksgiving) are urged to send the money they saved by not eating to a local source (in this case, Elaine Hewes, Box 115, Blue Hill 04614, 469-2144, of Hancock CALC) to be sent to Oxfam in Boston.

The CALC group hopes to promote the activity heavily in Hancock County and can offer a handy instruction packet to use for a local fasting project. Contact Elaine for questions or to send money to her after Nov. 18 (also for packets).

Oxfam is an international organization providing food to drought-stricken areas, technical aid to increase self-reliance in third-world countries, and special projects such as refugee centers in strife-torn areas like El Salvador. More information on Oxfam is available by writing 115 Broadway, Boston, Mass. 02116.

Bread for the World, a Christian legislative and social action group working on food and hunger issues, is trying to revitalize itself in the Bangor area. They are planning to meet at St. John's Catholic Church, 207 York St., Bangor, for dinner on Fri., Nov. 19 (dinner will consist of leftovers from the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, the second such facility we are aware of in the state). After dinner, the group will review monthly legislative information provided by Bread for the World and write letters about upcoming issues.

To provide yeast for Bread for the World and to help it rise, contact Kathy Anderson, 14 Maple St., Bangor 04401.

E N O C O M I C S

Do you think all economics is voodoo economics? Want some facts to use against the Reaganomists? Then the Economics and Social Justice Seminar may be just what you need.

Modelled on the Institute of Popular Economics seminars held in Massachusetts each summer, this version will be held at HOME Coop in Orland on the weekend of Nov. 12-14. IPE staff members Nancy Folbre (also of Bowdoin Col.) and Tom Riddell and HOME's Karen Saum, all experienced teachers, will serve as the seminar's faculty.

The goals of the seminar are to demystify economics for those who find it baffling, outline the development of capitalism, and "connect economics with social issues in a common sense way."

Cost of the weekend is \$50 (which includes meals, floor space, and, with notification, child care). Ten bucks will allow those who can't spend the whole weekend to attend workshops and films. Low-income registrants can arrange to barter for at least part of the cost.

Participation in the seminar will be limited to 25, and selection will be based on commitment to social change more than ability to pay. Application deadline is Oct. 29, but those who read about this late are urged to call about last minute space.

Contact Karen Saum, HOME Coop, Box 408, Orland 04472, 469-7961.

Is This Your Calling?

"A \$50 million increase! That's highway robbery!" The breakup of Bell Telephone has given New England Bell a reason for a huge increase in rates for Maine customers, and they have applied for a \$50 million increase. But consumers are opposing this request which, if enacted, could nearly double present phone bills.

The Maine Citizens for Utility Rate Reform (MCURR) is mobilizing people to attend hearings on the rate increase and to express their opposition. One hearing will be held at the Public Utilities Commission in Augusta on Nov. 23 (another in Brunswick on Dec. 15 and others may be scheduled). MCURR is urging bus and car loads of people to come and demand that consumers not bear the brunt of this utility reorganization.

Contact Larry Connelly at Portland West Neighborhood Planning Council, 155 Brackett, Portland 04102, 775-0105 or Bruce Reeves, 582-5236 for details on plans for the 23rd.

Big Mountain Won't Move

Despite a 13c postcard stamp honoring Crazy Horse and the best seller Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, native Americans continue to face discrimination and loss of homeland at the hands of the US government. Several people in Maine are circulating a petition calling for the repeal of two laws that directly affect the Navajo and Hopi people and their sacred land, located mostly in the north-east part of Arizona.

Public Law 93-531 (Navajo-Hopi Relocation Bill) was passed by Congress in 1974, dividing 1.8 million acres of land that had been shared by the two tribes for 400 years. Since then, government crews have attempted to fence the land despite resistance from the people who live there. Forced relocation of off-reservation tribal members has begun.

Traditional Hopis and Navajos have joined together, vowing total resistance in an effort to save their homes and the sacred land that is sought for coal and uranium mining. Both tribes are matrarchal in structure--land, livestock, and other possessions are passed from generation to generation through women. But tribal councils have recently been allowed to negotiate away land to power companies and the US government.

Several other groups are opposing the Relocation Bill and public law 96-305 (Life Estate Bill), which authorizes a cash settlement for Indian lands. Traditional Indians are opposed to any sale of land as a violation of their cultural beliefs. And groups like the National Indian Youth Council and the Big Mountain Support Committee are asking for help in circulating petitions asking for the repeal of both laws.

To circulate petitions in Maine, send a stamp or SASE to Sheila Garrett, Box 429, S. Harpswell 04079. More information is also available from the Big Mountain Support Committee, PO Box 7082, Albuquerque, N. M. 87194.

A Tip Of The Hatbox

David Neufeld of Hatbox Productions offers workshops and performances that feature an intriguing mix of puppets, masks, mime, and audience participation. The performances are custom-tailored for audiences of all ages. Those for children include original stories as well as a variety of international folktales. Older audiences can, in addition, take their pick of drama, satires, and political themes.

Workshops can be aimed at groups ranging from children (over age 8) to adults. In an intensive session lasting at least two hours, you'll learn everything from types and construction of puppets and masks to voice and action exercises, to the art of adapting or writing plays and finish off (whew) prepared to perform yourselves.

For more about shows and workshops, get in touch with Hatbox Productions, PO Box 351, Temple 04984, 778-9986.

Sixth In A Series

Every year for the last five, Little Flags Theater of Boston has come to the Univ. of Maine, Orono, for a performance with their unique mixture of music, comedy, and political messages. This year's presentation, on Nov. 11, 8:15 PM, in Hauck Auditorium at UMO, will be "New Rise of the Master Race." Admission is \$2.

While conditions deteriorate in Detroit, power-hungry politicians in Washington plan for a nuclear war. But workers assert their rights and take control of their own lives, and the intrigue and excitement (not to mention songs and silliness) begin. Don't miss the crazy, surprise ending.

Little Flags will also be performing two free concerts of songs of struggle and freedom, especially from third world oppressed peoples, called "To the People." They will perform at 8:30 PM on Nov. 10 in the Damm Yankee Room and at noon on the 11th in the lobby of the Memorial Union.

Eight groups are sponsoring this visit, but write MPAC, Memorial Union, UMO, Orono 04469 or call Doug Allen at 581-7167 for details.

The Benefits Of Winter

The Paul Winter Consort, with vocalist Susan Osborn, will be appearing at Portland City Hall Auditorium on Fri., Nov. 12 at 8 PM in a benefit concert for the School Around Us.

Opening for Paul Winter will be Joy Spring Jazz Quintet, a versatile, Maine-based band that just cut its second album. Tickets are \$9 and \$10 for reserved seats and are available at the Record Exchange in Portland and all Ticketron outlets. A reception following the concert for anyone interested in talking with the performers is also planned.

This is a large venture for the School Around Us, an alternative school for elementary-age children located in Arundel, and they hope the concert can pull them out of a large deficit. They see the need for an alternative education to that provided by public schools, but they need independent sources of income to maintain themselves.

For school or concert details: Ann Waterhouse, 90 Old Pool Rd., Biddeford 04005, 282-3741 or 284-6469.

DON'T DESPAIR

With the threat of nuclear annihilation, racism, defeat of the ERA, and worsening conditions for poor people, it's easy to become overwhelmed with despair and discouragement. But with the help of workshop organizers like Joanna Macy, who was in Maine in August, people are overcoming their despair and feeling empowered to act for change.

Such a workshop--"Taking Heart in the Nuclear Age: A Despair and Empowerment Workshop"--will take place on Sat., Nov. 6, 9:30-5:30, at St. Margaret's Parish House, 49 Court St., Belfast.

It will be facilitated by Hardscrabble Hill staff members Margaret Pavel and Rosa Lane and by Cris Hughes. A few dollars will cover costs (bring food and a pillow). A successful workshop may encourage a series on empowerment later this winter.

For particulars: Cris Hughes, Box 191, Belfast 04915, 338-1146. (A 26-page article on "Despair-Work," by Joanna Macy, is available for \$1, postage included, from Mitch Goodman, Box 49, Temple 04984.)

INVEST YOURSELF

If you are looking for a place to put your money where it will be used for socially responsible Maine businesses, (see South Africa article on pages 7-8), then MOCA may be for you.

MOCA, the Maine Organization for Cooperative Assistance, began operations this summer. MOCA operates a revolving fund offering low-interest loans to cooperatives, collectives, worker-owned businesses, and other alternative organizations which qualify. So far, MOCA has made loans to Morgan's Mills (Union), an electrical cogeneration project which will finance a grist mill, and to Fedco Warehouse, Maine's cooperative grains and staples warehouse.

MOCA also operates a technical assistance division, offering low-rate educational and technical assistance to qualifying organizations. Currently, MOCA is conducting a survey of Maine's coop stores to determine business ratio standards for these stores, and to help bolster their financial analysis expertise.

For further information: Susan Ellis, 14 Water St., Thomaston 04861, 354-8185.

COME ON, YOU TURKEYS

Though the chickens are no longer in Belfast, there may be a few of us turkeys around just before Thanksgiving when the Maine Statewide Newsletter brings its circus to St. Margaret's Parish House, 49 Court St., beginning at 4 PM on Tues., Nov. 23. If you're in the area, call 338-1146 to help out.

We're slowly going up in subscriptions, now at 603 subs and \$2,497 but a long way from the goal of 1,200 subs and \$4,700. That's why we have the special sub form (first in a series) and an envelope. If you have not yet responded in 1982 (that means there's no "2" on your address label or next to your name), why not take advantage of the envelope and fill out the sub/yellow pages form and return them today. A network of progressive groups and individuals is important in Maine. Please help keep it going.

Our deadline for the December issue is, as always, Nov. 20. Send all articles, calendar events, etc. to INVERT, PO Box 110, Stillwater 04489 or call them in to 827-3107.

Get On The Making List

A non-sexist men's community exists in Maine, is active, and is reaching out. This, at least, is the contention of Geoffrey Rauch, who wants to give that reaching out process a helping hand by organizing a non-sexist men's newsletter.

Contributions--of ideas, articles, poetry, cartoons, political commentary, or news of events of interest--are urgently needed. And of course, he reports, "anyone crazy enough to make a small \$ contribution will be adored."

Deadline for submissions for the first issue is Nov. 1. (Person those typewriters, men, time's running out.) Send them to Geoffrey Rauch, 53 Deering St., Portland 04101, 775-0497.

FORMING A WEB

A couple of women in Washington County have tried for years to establish contact with other lesbians in the county. This summer marked their first big success, a potluck get-together attended by 18 women. Now a few of them have started WebWork, a correspondance contact club for Maine, New England, and the Maritimes, in hopes of helping other lesbians and bisexual women find each other more easily. WebWork's larger goal is to encourage a network of lesbian friendship and support, especially in rural areas where kindred spirits are few and far between. WebWork may sponsor a potluck or picnic next spring to facilitate contact.

WebWork urges women to correspond with them, to create a network of support for women-identified women in the Northeast. Could they advertise or give a notice for your organization or publication?

Write WebWork, PO Box 131, Calais 04619 (include SASE for membership info).

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SMOOSA's referendum petition effort is almost at its goal of 37,000 signatures, and they hope to go over the top on election day. Persons willing to collect petition signatures on Nov. 2 to ban moose hunting can get petitions from Betty Curran, Foreside Rd., Box 4, Topsham 04086, 729-0679.

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"Support the right to arm bears."

## DIVEST YOURSELF

In a surprising, if not astounding, action, the University of Maine trustees voted to sell all of the university's investments with businesses which operate in South Africa. (divestment).

The action was by no means a sudden inspiration. A lot of ground work had been done by students, faculty, and staff for several years prior to the vote by trustees. Those pressuring for divestment had done research on the issue and made a convincing argument, in the form of a report, to the trustees.

Why pick on South Africa? In a nutshell, South Africa had legalized racism in its governmental and economic systems, where a minority white populations governs and dominates blacks, coloreds (mixed race), and Asians. Its system of "apartheid"--separate development--began in the 1800's as a means to maintain the economic interests of whites (mostly Dutch and English). Control by whites was tightened in this century, culminating in the election of the Afrikaner National Party in 1948.

Whites, for example, control 87% of the country's land, although they are only 16% of the population. Blacks must have a "pass" to be on this land and are considered migrant laborers with no political or economic rights. Non-whites are over 2/3 of the workforce but receive only 26% of the income and receive an average of 1/4 to 1/6 of what whites get in many industries. Public education is segregated. About 10 times more money is spent for each white child as for each non-white. Similar disparities exist for health care, housing, and other categories.

All Africans are subject to fingerprinting and required to carry a "pass" book listing home, work status, taxes, permits for white areas, etc. after their 16th birthday. Over 8 million arrests have occurred for violations in the last 20 years. Technically, non-whites have no legal or civil rights in white-controlled areas, because all blacks/Asians/coloreds are citizens of black homelands (the other 13% of South African land not controlled by whites). The white South African government claims the homelands are independent, but the lack

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of industry, decent agricultural land, and other resources make it difficult to reduce dependence of the homelands on the white South African economy. The homelands provide cheap labor to white-controlled areas and keep other non-whites in segregated "ghettos."

While advocates for divestment recognized that most large corporations in which the university invests are involved in some kind of unethical practices or oppressive circumstances, they pointed out that a line had to be drawn somewhere so that some moral standard did exist. Because of the obnoxious apartheid system, South Africa represented an immoral system. Therefore, they argued that the university should have no connection with it.

The movement for divestment began in 1979 by U. of Maine students at Orono involved with Maine Peace Action Committee (MPAC). A task force was formed to investigate university investment in corporations involved in South Africa. In March, 1981, a resolution was introduced to the Council of Colleges to establish a faculty committee to investigate university holdings and to make recommendations on further action.

Research determined that the university had common stocks worth just under \$2 million (about 1/3 of its total investment) in ten large corporations operating in South Africa. The Univ. of Maine Foundation has almost \$1.25 million of its nearly \$5 million invested in 13 companies (some the same as the previous 10) operating in South Africa.

The research report offered three options: (1) Do nothing; maintain investments in these companies; (2) Ask that these corporations adopt and implement the Sullivan Principles, perhaps resulting in partial divestment; (3) Complete divestment of these stock holdings. The report rejected both the "do nothing" and Sullivan Principles approaches.

The Sullivan Principles, devised by Rev. Leon Sullivan, a black General Motors board member, asked that all US corporations abide by certain non-racist principles in their business practices. The principles included: (a) nonsegregation of the races; (b) equal employment practices. (cont. on Page 8)



tices; (c) equal pay for comparable work; (d) training programs for blacks in supervisory and white collar jobs; (e) increasing the number of non-whites in management positions; (f) improving other living conditions for black workers--housing, health, education, etc.

Although investigations appear to support effectiveness of the principles in improving conditions for non-whites employed in US corporations, relative disparities between blacks and whites in these companies is still great. Less than 1% of all black workers in the country are affected. In addition, American corporations have apparently not threatened the apartheid system and seem to support it by hiring black workers under the "pass" system who are denied legal status and human rights in the white-owned areas while working for these companies.

The report also argued that US corporations are supporting and strengthening the minority white government and economic system and making it more difficult for blacks to obtain legal and civil rights. A weaker, embattled government is more likely to give in to demands from non-whites for basic rights. American corporations provide expertise in oil and energy, computers, and transportation, all of which maintain South Africa's economy. Control Data and IBM even provide computers to help South Africa maintain its pass laws and police surveillance.

The report concluded that the only morally acceptable course for the university to take was to divest itself of all stocks in these corporations. It should not be profiting from the exploitation of South Africa's blacks nor contributing to the terrible system of apartheid.

There is precedence for such divestment. The report noted nine other schools which have completely divested and about 20 others (including Colby College) which have partially divested. (Colby is considering its investments on a case-by-case basis.) Several cases were cited which emphasized that no university has lost money (and several made significant profits) by switching their investments away from companies involved in South Africa.

The report recommended that both the university system and its foundation sell all stocks in companies doing business in South Africa. In addition, it recommended no new investments in such corporations and a committee to monitor compliance if recommendations were accepted.

The report to the trustees was only part of the effort. Maine Peace Action Committee brought a play about South Africa, written by exiled playwright Salaelo Maredi, to the UMO campus. At least one trustee saw it. Speakers and meetings with individual trustees were arranged. Information packets were sent out. University president Paul Silverman's support was won, and his influence was felt. Even with what seemed to be clear reason for divestment, the final 10-2 vote by trustees came as a surprise, because of the many connections by most university trustees to large businesses and corporations. (Such divestment efforts have failed in other schools because of this.)

The Univ. of Maine Foundation trustees have not yet agreed to divest their stock, so divestment efforts have not yet ended at the university.

MPAC members emphasize that divestment is not just something for educational institutions. Churches, unions, banks and even state treasuries and endowments have engaged in questionable investment practices. There are also positive, alternative ways of investing money (see separate article, p. 6): Even many of the products one buys are made by corporations doing business with South Africa.

For more on the issues behind divestment and the situation in South Africa, or for a copy of the report to the university trustees, contact Prof. Doug Allen, Maine Peace Action Committee, Mem. Union, UMO, Orono 04469, 581-7167.

Because of the gradual and partial divestment, there are no active divestment efforts at Colby, and, although a strong report urging complete divestment was submitted to Bates trustees two years ago, we're not aware of any organized group in Lewiston. However, Maine's success has provided impetus for a group at Bowdoin. Contact Andrew Lightman, CT Box 183, Bowdoin, Brunswick 04011, 725-8731.

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To register (send \$25 deposit) or more info: Lynn Langmuir, 28 Regent St., Cambridge, Mass. 02140, 617-491-7372 or call Pauli French in Portland, 773-7152.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Listings with numbers following have more information on that page number)

Oct. 30--"Personal Values and Social Action," 10-5, \$20, Me. Center for Psychosynthesis, 338 Fore St., Portland 04101, 892-5029.

Oct. 30--Contradance w/Carolun & Friends, Park Ave. Methodist Church, Auburn, 8:30 PM, \$2.50 to benefit Lebanon relief groups.

Oct. 30--Conference on nuclear war at UMO, Orono, w/Daniel Berrigan, Marcus Raskin. Mike Howard, MPAC, 581-7167.

Oct. 30--Goat cheese coop meeting (3)

Oct. 31--Traditional mountain music w/Debby Saperstone, 8 PM, \$3 at Performing Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath 04530.

Nov. 2--Election Day (1)

Nov. 6--Despair/Empowerment in Belfast (6)

Nov. 6--Symposium on eating disorders (anorexia & bulimia) in Farmington. Margaret Butler, UM, Farmington 04938, 778-3501.

Nov. 6--Consultation on healing and wholeness w/Mikki and Erik Esselstyn, 9-3:30, South Parish Cong. Church, 9 Church St., Augusta 04330, 622-0552.

Nov. 7--Actress Laurie James as Margaret Fuller, 8 PM, All Souls Unitarian Church, 11 King St., Augusta 04330, 622-3232.

Nov. 7-13--Energy Auditor Training Course at Cornerstones, 54 Cumberland St., Brunswick 04011, 729-5103.

Nov. 9,16,18--Maine Idea workshops in Wiscasset, Skowhegan, and Dover-Foxcroft (respectively) on small business management. Maine Idea, Box 147, Pittsfield, 487-3195.

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Nov. 10--"Refugee Resettlement in Maine" w/Shyla Murray and Chris Lydon, Noon, First Parish Church, 425 Congress, Portland. World Affairs Council, Box 8374, Portland 04104.

Nov. 10--Workshop series begins on mental health and the family, McGeachey Hall, Me. Med. Center, Vaughn St., Portland. Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Box 5196, Portland.

Nov. 10-11--Little Flags at UMO (5)

Nov. 11-13--Convocation '82 in Aroostook (2)

Nov. 12--SMP Tim Sample benefit in Wis. (9)

Nov. 12--Paul Winter benefit in Port. (5)

Nov. 12-14--Vietnam War readings (2)

Nov. 13--FOE Annual Meeting (9)

Nov. 12-14--HOME Economics course (4)

Nov. 18--"Solidarity--What Now?" w/Polish journalist Andrzej Wroblewski, 7:30 PM, Kresge Aud., Bowdoin Col., Brunswick. John Rensenbrink, Bowdoin, 725-8731.

Nov. 18--Oxfam Fast (3)

Nov. 19--Bread for the World meets (3)

Nov. 19--Poetry by Kendall Merriam/Keith Carreiro, 7:30, Patten Library, Bath, free.

Nov. 20--Sludge conference in Auburn (9)

Nov. 20-21 and Dec. 3-5--Birdsong Farm workshops in N. Berwick (9)

Nov. 23--Phone Rate Hearing (4)

Nov. 23--Newsletter circus in Belfast (6)

December 2-10--International Human Rights Week. Maine CALC, PO Box 110, Stillwater 04489, 827-3107.

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